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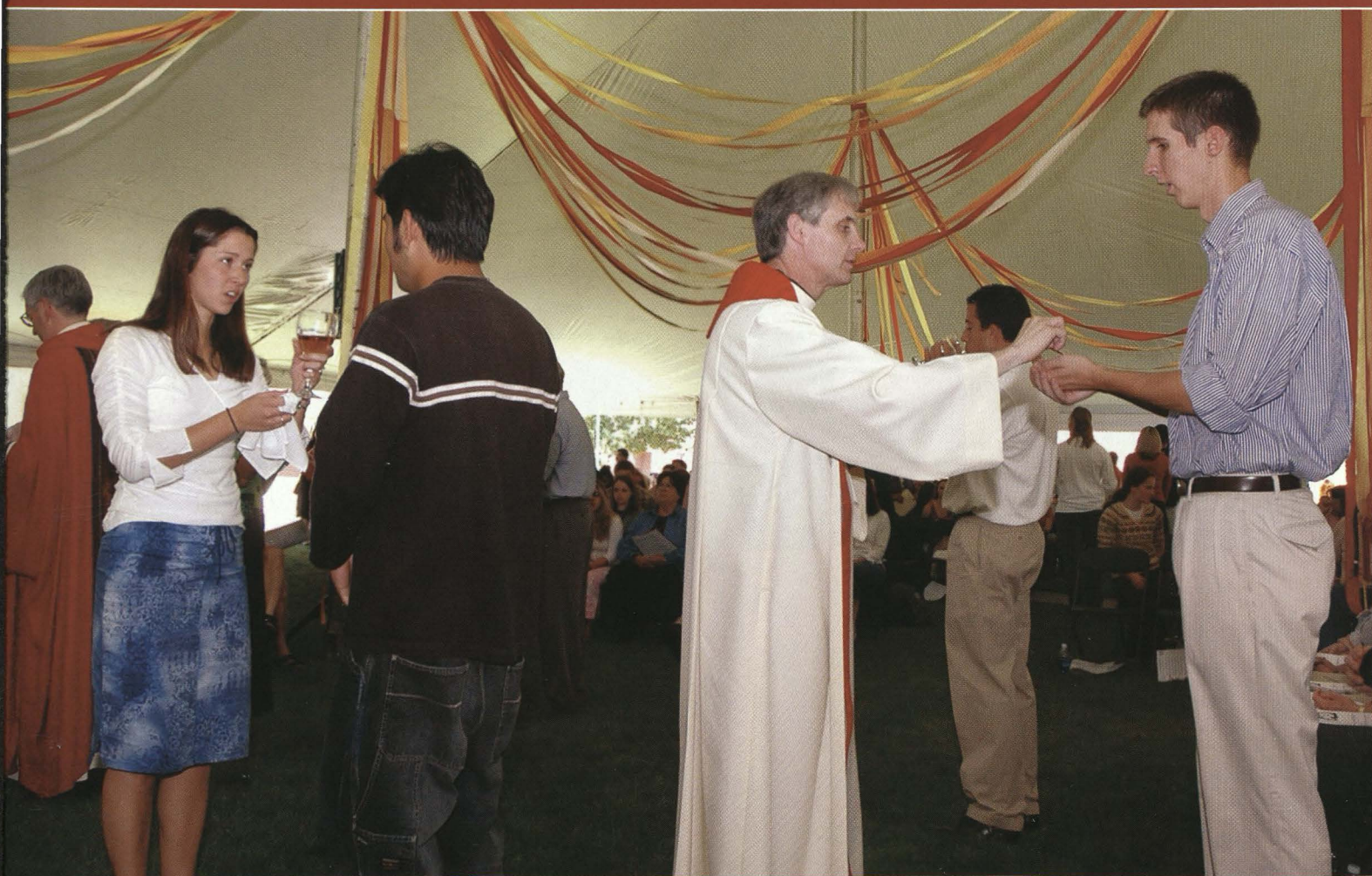
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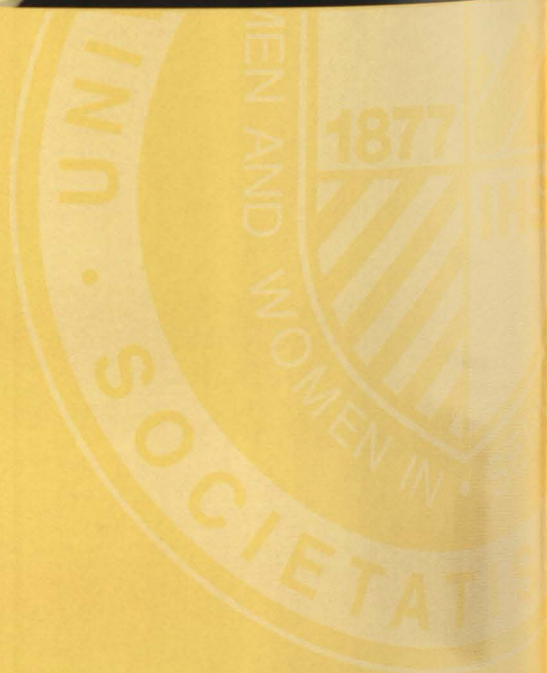
*Father Sheeran discusses an educated laity  
Presidential campaign memorabilia donated  
Regis Center for the Study of War Experience opens*





**Darius Lee Smith, MNM '04,**

wore a cap that was beaded by Judy Red Tomahawk, a lower Yankton Sioux, as an honor to him, during Regis University Winter Commencement exercises December 19 at the Denver Convention Center. Smith and 684 other graduates from all three schools at Regis University marched during ceremonies that also honored Grant Jones, SPS '91, with the University's highest honor, the *Civis Princeps*. Read more about Winter Commencement – and Smith's cap – online at [www.regis.edu](http://www.regis.edu), under the Regis News link.





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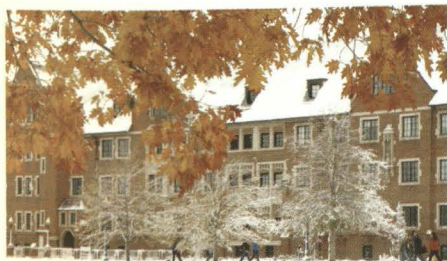
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## Acronyms List

ACCU: Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
AJCU: Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities  
ALC: Adult Learning Center (home of the School for  
Professional Studies)  
GPA: Grade Point Average  
JAA: Jesuit Advancement Administrators  
LHC: Loretto Heights College  
RC: Regis College  
RMAC: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference  
RHSH: Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions  
S.J.: Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)  
SPS: School for Professional Studies

**On the cover:** Students and faculty take part in Mass of  
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# News in Brief

## Regis opens Center for the Study of War Experience

As part of the recognition of November as Veterans Month, Regis University introduced its Center for the Study of War Experience with a gala opening and an exhibit of artifacts in Dayton Memorial Library on November 4.

The center, which is co-directed by Regis history professor Dan Clayton and Denver radio broadcaster Rick Crandall, has an archive that already includes more than 200 hours of videotaped oral testimonies of war experience, and hundreds of artifacts of wartime memorabilia, mostly from the WWII era, donated by veterans and their families. In January, the center moved into its new home in Room 307 of Main Hall.

The center is the result of enthusiastic response from Colorado veterans – many of them Regis alumni – to the Remembering World War II: Stories from Wartime series in the College, which seeks to give current students first-hand



*Regis History Professor Dan Clayton, left, shows Maj. Gen. Mason C. Whitney, items of interest in the Center for the Study of War Experience exhibit at Dayton Memorial Library.*

accounts from those who have experienced war. The idea for the class came from Regis history professors Clayton, Ron Brockway and Father Jim Guyer, S.J., several years ago. Crandall, who hosts a morning radio show that is especially popular with the World War II generation, has moderated the sessions. Hundreds of veterans from WWII and other conflicts have participated in the series, which is the public component of the course and features panel discussions and personal reminiscences of veterans from every branch of service, family members left behind, and historians.

More than 130 veterans, donors and students attended the Center's opening. The evening's events also included a "thank you" to veterans from Maj. Gen. Mason C. Whitney, adjutant general, state of Colorado, of the Colorado National Guard, and a presentation of a video about the Center produced by Omni Media, which has filmed most of the oral histories and many of the classroom panel discussions.

History students have assisted in archiving and cataloging the material into a working academic research facility.

"We believe we may have the largest collection of primary source, oral history material related to WWII in the country," Clayton said. "This will be very much a learning center. We want our students to really understand the war experience."

For more information, visit the center's Web site at [www.warexperience.org](http://www.warexperience.org).

## Freshman class sets a record

There are 402 new freshmen in the College this year, the biggest class to date at Regis University.

"This is the first time the freshman class has been over 400 students in Regis College history," said Vic Davolt, director of Regis College Admissions.

In fact, all three schools at the University – the traditional Regis College, the Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions and the School for Professional Studies – are experiencing yet another year of record-breaking enrollments. Total enrollment at Regis University as of the October 15, 2004, official count is 16,335.

This year's traditional freshmen come to Regis from 28 states, from as far away as Hawaii and as diverse as Massachusetts and Minnesota. About 57 percent are from Colorado. Significant numbers of new freshmen call California, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Nebraska and Arizona home, Davolt reports.

It's a class the Admissions Office is proud of. "The class is strong academically, with 75 percent qualifying for merit scholarships and nearly 50 percent eligible for our Board of Trustee academic awards, which are given exceptional academic achievement," Davolt said. Most Board of Trustee scholars have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

More than 80 percent of the new students will live on campus. Along with the upperclass students who elect to live on-campus, more than 650 traditional students will call the 90-acre Lowell campus home this year, an historic high.

SPS and RHSH, which are in session year-round, also are seeing increases in both graduate and undergraduate students at all campuses.

The growth is being managed according to a University plan to continue to meet a need. The University's excellent student to faculty ratio remains good. New full-time, tenure-track faculty have been added in all three University schools, including eight in Regis College in education, communications, religious studies and mathematics. Five new full-time faculty began this fall in RHSH teaching nursing and physical therapy and SPS hired 10 new full-time professors to teach psychology, education, business and computer science.



## Regis honors SPS alumnus with *Civis Princeps*

Regis University awarded its highest honor, the *Civis Princeps*, to Grant Jones, SPS '91, during Winter Commencement exercises at the Colorado Convention Center on December 17.

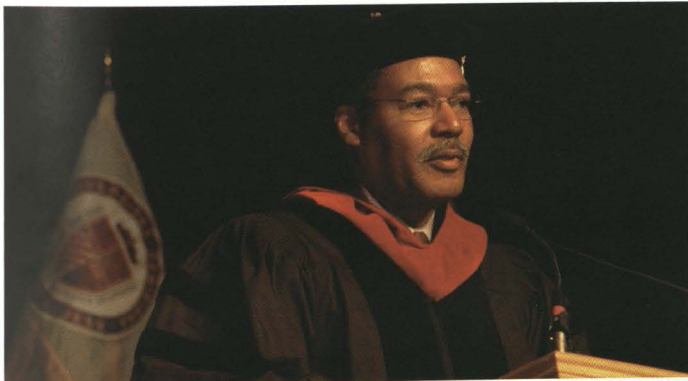
The *Civis Princeps*, or First Citizen, is given to Colorado residents who exemplify the Regis Jesuit mission of "leadership in service of others." As a Regis graduate, Jones not only received an education that taught the principles of leadership, but continues to use those principles in his personal and professional endeavors.

In 1993, Jones started the Metro Denver Black Church Initiative after working for several years with the Denver-based Piton Foundation. He says he realized through his work at Piton Foundation that the black church is not just a place of worship, but also a place of "leadership development, social action, cultural connection and family preservation."

Drawing on this realization, Jones began his initiative, which is dedicated to "strengthening the social outreach skills of black church leaders and mobilizing the church to deliver secular services to people living with disadvantages."

After managing the program with Piton Foundation for its first six years, Jones transitioned it to an independent organization in 1999.

He also serves on the Rocky Mountain Regional Steering Committee for the PeaceJam Foundation and the board of directors at the I Have A Dream Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Children's Choir.



Grant Jones, SPS '91, accepts the *Civis Princeps* award at December Commencement. He says "personal integrity is the most valuable currency that a person can own."

Jones always makes time for his family, and along with his wife, Leneta, is raising two sons, Randy, 17, and David, 13.

The opportunity to make a difference in the community is one that Jones is thankful for and says he feels fortunate to have the capacity to make a difference in society. "God blesses us so that we can be blessings to others," he says.

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# KEEPING THE FAITH

*Programming aims to keep Regis' Catholic Jesuit identity strong*

In an increasingly secular world, it can be difficult for a university to maintain its religious identity. But at Regis, our Catholic identity is rooted in a 465-year Jesuit tradition, and in no danger of being lost.

Although there have been changes in the world, the students and the University itself over the decades, Regis remains unquestionably and proudly a Catholic Jesuit university.

Students today come to Regis with a wide array of knowledge about their Catholic faith, according to Kathy Schaefer, director of University Ministry.

"Some are unchurched, some are poorly churched and some are very enlightened, having grown up in families where there is a deep faith," Schaefer said. "Many have very little religious education. Our job is to meet the students where they are. We have to be able to connect with students all along the continuum."



## Our Catholic Identity

The primary ways in which Regis University maintains and expands its Catholic identity within its community and beyond are:

- Catholic academic courses throughout the curriculum
- Sacramental and worship activities
- Hiring and forming for mission
- New projects such as the Department of Health Care Ethics and Hospitality House
- Retreats for students, faculty and staff
- Catholic speaker series
- Social justice and service activities
- Service to the Catholic community, such as free courses for deacons and lay ministers in the dioceses of Denver, Colorado Springs and Las Vegas

Finding that connection with students, no matter what the stage of their faith, is at the heart of what the University does to maintain its Catholic Jesuit identity, offering a variety of programming as diverse as the students themselves.

"Our programming reflects the diversity of opportunities within the Catholic Church," Schaefer said, filling a need for students who may find traditional Mass, academic study, social justice programs and volunteering, or small discussion groups – or a combination of all of them – just what they need to become more secure and aware in their faith.

### Catholic identity begins with worship

"Our Catholic life revolves around our community worship and sacramental presence," said Tom Reynolds, Regis University vice president for Mission.

Daily Mass is celebrated at 11:30 a.m. weekdays in St. John Francis Regis Chapel on the Lowell campus. Sunday Mass is at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., giving students a chance to attend Mass at times that fit their schedules.

A variety of special Masses, such as Holy Week services and Mass of the Holy Spirit, which traditionally kicks off a new academic year, baccalaureate Mass before commencement, Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, also are celebrated with special solemnity each year.

In an effort to further engage students, this year Regis has opened Hospitality House, just off campus, where a group of students live and then host refreshments for everyone after Sunday evening Mass. They also sponsor other Catholic programming during the week, such as Upper Room on Tuesdays and Salt and Light on Friday evenings. Programs include social gatherings, prayer and reflection, speakers and traditional Catholic devotions such as Eucharistic adoration and the rosary.

"Students need to feel welcome and comfortable in their worship experiences," Reynolds said, "so we have been emphasizing hospitality after worship."

University Ministry also uses liturgy whenever possible as a teaching opportunity. For example, during Mass of the Holy Spirit, a commentary is included in the Worship Aid that explains what is happening during some of the more

on campus, in a variety of roles, from planning the liturgy to singing in the choir to simply attending Mass.

One of the primary goals of University Ministry is to educate interested students beyond the classroom so that they may become active in many ways in their own parishes after graduation, whether it's serving as a youth minister, on a parish finance committee or in liturgical ministry.

"Our hope is our students can step into parish communities as competent and confident volunteers," Schaefer said.

"We work to provide a vibrant sacramental life and community for our students, faculty and alumni. The signature stone of this will be our new chapel," Reynolds adds. "We're working very hard to make it a sacred space and a teaching space for our community, so they can learn about our spiritual life and its sacramental richness."

The chapel, although designed and ready to go, is still in the fund-raising stage and won't be constructed until the donations have been secured. Meanwhile, the current chapel continues to operate, as does a small chapel on the Colorado Springs campus.

## "PARENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT AT REGIS THE FAITH OF THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE DEEPENED AND HONORED."

complicated parts of the service, so that less-informed Catholic students feel comfortable and students of other faiths don't feel left out.

"Parents have a right to expect that at Regis the faith of their children will be deepened and honored," Schaefer said. "That's why we take so seriously liturgy preparation and involving students."

Students fully participate in worship

Outside of Mass, students also are invited to participate in a variety of retreats during the school year, from weekend discernment for seniors to brief retreats designed for busy students.

"These are opportunities for students in all three schools to deepen their faith and prayer life, as well as to be exposed to Ignatian spirituality," Reynolds said.



## Catholicism woven into academic life

But Regis wouldn't be a Catholic university without the educational component, Reynolds said. Most significant is the Catholic Studies program.

"The program's goal has been to increase the number of courses in School for Professional Studies and



*Regis students become "elves" to hand out gifts to the homeless at the annual Father Woody Christmas Party for the Homeless on December 12. Many of the gifts were wrapped and donated by students and alumni at Regis.*

Regis offers alumni the opportunity to audit these courses, while lay ministers and deacons in Denver, Colorado Springs and Las Vegas can receive full tuition grants for the courses. Through

work, providing an opportunity to be "in service of others" while also reflecting on the causes of social problems.

Ongoing Service Learning projects include tutoring at local schools, helping out at local food banks and the Father Woody Program, which takes students

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Regis College that support our Catholic mission, with particular focus on core curriculum offerings, Reynolds explained.

### Spring 2005 Catholic Studies courses in Regis College and the School for Professional Studies

- The Foundations of Catholic Tradition: The Catholic Tradition
- Foundations of Catholic Tradition: Christian Ethics
- The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Thought and Doctrine
- Catholic Literature
- The Catholic Imagination and Film
- Jesuit Spirituality
- Christian Ethical Thought
- Biblical Perspectives on Peace and Justice
- Values-Centered Management
- Peace and Justice in Catholic Thought
- Dimensions of Contemporary Catholicism

SPS, elementary teachers also can participate in an alternative teacher licensure option.

A new addition is the Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions ethics program. "It answers Father Sheeran's call that all health care graduates have a course in health care ethics, so their future practices will be founded in Catholic medical-moral teaching, with a special concern for access to health care by the poor and marginalized," Reynolds said.

### Service Learning and social justice

Service Learning and Peace and Justice programming have been around for a long time at Regis, but continue to evolve and grow. One of the newest programs, a campus Pax Christi Chapter, lets Regis students join with members of local parishes to work toward a world that reflects non-violence.

There now are Service Learning departments in all three schools, with components and programming designed to address the unique needs of the varied student populations they serve.

Service Learning is an important element of Regis' Catholic Jesuit identity. Service Learning links students' off-campus service projects with their course-

out on the streets to deliver meals to homeless men and women. SPS students have done everything from programming and networking a local women's shelter's computers to creating marketing plans for nonprofit groups.

Regis also works with area Catholic communities on several programs, including with the inner-city Holy Ghost Parish in Denver, which offers support to the local homeless population.

Social justice is an important aspect of its Jesuit heritage that Regis instills in its students, Reynolds said. Justice education programs include Romero House, where students live in an intentional community, focusing on justice issues, and annual participation with other Jesuit universities in the Ignatian Family Teach-in, a nonviolent protest at Fort Benning, Georgia.

All three schools also sponsor mission trips for their students, recently going to such diverse places as Mexico, Wind River Indian Reservation, Ethiopia, Ghana and Guatemala. If your faith doesn't lead to action it's "holy mush," one student said to Schaefer.

### An informed and interested laity

None of this Catholic programming would work without faculty, staff and



administration that understands and promotes Regis' mission. That's why "hiring and forming" for mission is so important, Reynolds said, especially as the Jesuit population diminishes on campus.

"We are blessed by our priests and their continued dedication in the classroom, at Masses and retreats, and just being present for our students, faculty and staff," Reynolds said of the 10 members of the Regis Jesuit community, the 16 Jesuits living in the nearby Xavier Jesuit Center and Father Tom Curran, OSFS, who recently joined the

University Relations staff and lives in West Hall.

And they play a key role in helping lay people continue to ensure that Regis remains a truly Catholic Jesuit university.

All candidates for full-time faculty and key administrative positions are given a brochure, *Traditions*, that outlines Regis' identity, and must respond in an essay about "how their experiences and interest would contribute to our Catholic Jesuit identity," Reynolds explains.

Once hired, all Regis employees go through orientation that includes pre-

### Sampling of Catholic programs offered by University Ministry

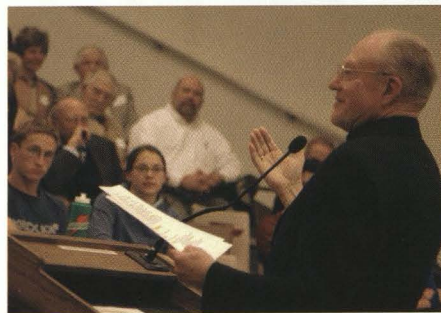
#### Christian Life Communities (C.L.C.'s):

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and led by trained student leaders, these are faith-sharing groups for traditional students, an up-to-date version of the traditional Sodalitys.

**Upper Room:** Begun by students, this group meets weekly to explore Catholic issues with guest speakers and through discussions, films and religious devotions.

**Faith and Justice:** Romero House, which offers Monday hospitality nights, and Pax Christi, monthly gatherings to discuss, pray and plan ways to create a world that reflects non-violence, are among the ongoing efforts to fulfill the faith and justice aspect of Catholicism.

**Liturgical Ministry:** Students serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, sacristans, ushers and in the music ministry, especially choir, at St. John Francis Chapel.



*Most Reverend Richard Hanifen, RC '53, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, speaks about the future of the papacy at a Catholic Lecture Series event in the Science Amphitheater on November 11.*

sentations on Regis' Catholic Jesuit history, mission, goals and service. And at all levels, faculty and staff are encouraged to learn more about Ignatian spirituality and other aspects of Regis' Catholic identity through workshops, retreats, conferences and activities, and are given the opportunity to do so at no cost to them. In addition to paying for retreats, Regis offers Mission Leave to allow employees paid time off to help out in the community.

### Finding God in all things

Schaefer admits that it can be difficult to be a strongly Catholic institution while remaining sensitive and welcoming to those who are not.

### Catholic Speakers Series

Regis University's Catholic Speakers Series, designed for both the public and the Regis community, began two years ago in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

Featuring nationally known experts on a wide range of Catholic issues, the series continues to explore various aspects of Catholicism in today's world. Past speakers have included Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput, Cardinal Roger Mahoney of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, author Peter Steinfels and Bishop Emeritus Richard Hanifen, RC '57, of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Topics have included "The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship," "Modern Catholic Social Teaching" and "A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Church in America."

The spring series, which begins February 10 with Sally Winn of Feminists for Life, also will include Sister Helen Prejean, who will address the Catholic dialogue surrounding the death penalty, and Father Kevin Burke, S.J., who will speak on "Remembering Archbishop Romero."

"We ask ourselves all the time how we can be Catholic in the best sense of the word but honor the faith traditions of all our students," she said.

Part of the answer comes in the variety of programming, and offering students ongoing opportunities to "find God in all things."

"Today's students often hunger to develop their faith lives," said Reynolds, "but they don't come to us with as much experience or exposure to the Catholic faith education as in the past. We have to be more creative in providing opportunities for them to learn about their Catholic faith."



# WHITHER the Church?

*Enlarging the role of the laity*



Father Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., president of Regis University, wrote an earlier version of this piece as a guest editorial published Sunday, September 1, 2002, in The Denver Post.

"Keep the Faith, Change the Church" is the motto of Voice of the Faithful, a lay organization founded in the Boston Archdiocese in response to the clergy sex-abuse crisis.

In Boston, there was a perceived tendency to overlook the sex abuse of minors by priests, with the dire result that some repeat offenders were quietly reassigned to new parishes. And the prospect of staggering legal settlements led parishioners to fear that their Sunday contributions might be used to pay those settlements rather than go to the charitable work of the Boston Archdiocese. The problem was made worse by lack of clarity about how funds raised by the archdiocese were allocated. New leadership is now in place and struggling to gain credibility.

Over the last few years, Voice of the Faithful has offered itself as an alternative place for Catholics to make their donations, with a guarantee that donations would be directly turned over to Catholic charitable organizations, without the control of the Archdiocese of Boston. This organization is interesting.

Voice of the Faithful alleges no quarrel with Catholic Church doctrine. Its members come from centrist, church-going Catholics who are firmly committed to the range of mainstream beliefs, from the divinity of Christ to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, to the importance of the papacy. But while those members are determined to "keep the Faith," they also are determined to change the Church.

In the Denver Archdiocese, where supervision of the clergy has been appropriately rigorous, there is significant confidence in the Archbishop and limited interest in Voice of the Faithful. But the existence of this group and others like it raises a question worth reflection: Is the Church open to change in its governance?

A useful way to see whether the Catholic Church can be flexible is to look at history. The results may be surprising to many, especially Catholics who presume that current procedures have been constant through the centuries.

During its almost 2,000 years, the Church has been rather nimble in adjusting its mechanisms for selecting popes and

Most recently, John Paul II rewrote the rules for electing popes. Instead of the traditional 2/3-plus-1 super majority of the voting cardinals, he decided that, after a limited number of days of voting, only a simple majority would be needed. He prevented drawn-out election conclaves by removing the pressure to settle on a centrist candidate for whom an overwhelming majority could vote. The Church has changed indeed.

The very election of the pope by a College of Cardinals was introduced in the 12th century to provide a simple system for selecting popes. Catholics believe that Jesus instituted the papacy as a center of unity. But no one claims Jesus established unchangeable election rules.

And further change is quite possible. The present pope has often urged that all offices in the Church that do not require ordination should be open to women. Since there have been cardinals over the centuries who were unordained laymen, we shouldn't be shocked if the next set of papal election laws allows for women electors.

Another area of surprising flexibility is the selection of bishops. We are accustomed to the direct appointment of bishops by Rome without significant input by the laity or the clergy. But we also should be aware that, for centuries, Catholic bishops were elected by the priests assigned to the local cathedral. This vote was then proposed for papal confirmation, which was refused only for grave reasons. In a variant of that approach, the first American bishop, John Carroll, was elected by a vote of all the priests in the 13 colonies.

In the high Middle Ages, popes and emperors struggled over whether either was validly enthroned without the other's approval. And the selection of bishops within each country was similarly at issue. Out of these struggles emerged the concordats (treaties) between the Vatican and individual European countries. In many concordats, the government might nominate three candidates for bishop and the Vatican was required to select one.

Secular politics influenced even the election of popes. As late as 1903, the Austro-Hungarian emperor – through one of the cardinals who served as his spokesman inside the election conclave itself – vetoed the leading candidate for pope (Cardinal Rampolla), resulting in the election of Pius X.

When John Carroll was elected the first American bishop, the Vatican even sent the results to the new American

## IS THE CHURCH OPEN TO CHANGE IN ITS GOVERNANCE?

bishops, and altering the scope of authority of papal and diocesan offices in response to changing secular realities. Current concerns among American laity about increasing their voice in assuring proper supervision of priests and making policy decisions should not particularly threaten anyone familiar with the Church's history.

Take, for example, the election of popes – to many a prime example of the unchangeable procedures and ancient traditions of Roman Catholicism.

government, in case it had any objections. Thomas Jefferson, the American representative in Paris, declined on behalf of the government to either approve or disapprove, and the Church achieved – for the first time since Constantine in the fourth century – independence from secular government influence over this central part of internal Church appointments.

Lay participation in Catholic decision-making bodies is not unheard of either. As early as the 1830s, Bishop John England of Charleston, S.C., experimented with a bicameral diocesan



legislature modeled somewhat on the secular government and somewhat on the practice of the Episcopal Church.

A word of caution: It would be prudent if Catholics would follow Bishop England's lead and study carefully the governance structures of the Protestant communities. Such study would yield some useful ideas about what works. It might also prevent Catholics from repeating other communities' mistakes. It would be sad, for example, if the determination of whether someone was a heretic could be decided by a majority vote of a group with no formal training in theology!

## TODAY, THINGS HAVE CHANGED. IN MANY A PARISH, THE MAJORITY OF THE CONGREGATION ARE AT LEAST AS WELL EDUCATED AS THEIR PRIEST.

The Catholic Church has been able to operate with all sorts of systems for selecting bishops and popes. Church governance has readily adjusted to new situations. Those who think that Church governance must be inflexible in order to be true to its religious mission are simply mistaken.

### A powerful force

Groups like Voice of the Faithful, however, represent something really new. Their members are not government officials or even the traditional power blocs of society: the upper class – America's equivalent of the nobility – or the politicians or the wealthy. Instead, its members present a truly novel situation: a large and highly educated group of laity, which did not exist for the first 1,900 years of the Church's life.

When I was a child, my father would sometimes talk about his own childhood in New York City early in the 20th century. It was considered inappropriate, he said, for the pastor to endorse candidates for city offices from the altar. So the pastor would hold a Sunday afternoon reception in the church hall. Candidates acceptable to the pastor would stand next to the pastor so they could shake hands with the long line of voters.

My father used to say, "It had to be that way. The pastor had an education, while many of the parishioners couldn't read. People depended on him for guidance in everything from voting to handling their money to raising their children."

Today, things have changed. In many a parish, the majority of the congregation are at least as well educated as their priest. They have the self-confidence to make up their own minds about politics and finances and child rearing. And they believe they have something more to contribute to their parish and their diocese than a passive acquiescence.

When Vatican Council II ushered in "the age of the laity," there was recognition of this growing competence among parishioners. An array of new organizations for lay participants, like parish councils and diocesan pastoral councils, was introduced, and lay people were added to decision-making bodies at the diocesan level. In most cases, these new entities were merely advisory.

Occasionally, however, the groups had real power. The lay-dominated Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Boston,

for example, rejected Cardinal Law's initial acceptance of a \$30 million settlement with the victims of former priest John Geoghan. Under the Code of Canon Law promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1983, the cardinal must obtain approval – not just advice – from the Finance Council for such an "act of extraordinary administration."

So, on the one hand, an array of changes to include lay people in Church decision-making is not a problem. However, the extent to which such inclusion will actually happen is highly uncertain.

The Church's difficulty – and its opportunity – is that the laity is educated, but not necessarily in the faith.

Ironically, with the loss after Vatican II of nuns from grade school and high school education, basic instruction in the fundamentals of Catholic belief declined markedly. I am still amazed each fall by how many Regis freshmen who are Catholics know nothing about what a sacrament is, or about the basic categories used by the Church to analyze moral questions, or even that the letters INRI at the top of a crucifix are abbreviations for four Latin words which mean, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

### Basics of Catholicism

In recent years, Regis has offered more courses in the basics of Catholicism. Our campus ministers find many Catholic students need similar introduction to Catholic worship.

This is nothing new. In many cases, the parents of these students are equally uninformed.

From the clergyman's point of view, the educated laity has a lopsided education and doesn't realize it. But education brings self-confidence. So people who are educated in business or engineering tend to think they are competent in religious questions even though they have not been seriously educated in theology. As anyone who has visited an avant-garde art show has experienced, there is a terrible temptation to dismiss what we do not understand.

Making things even more difficult, Americans tend to place immense store on the democratic process, dismissing other forms of government out-of-hand. The Church's government tradition, of course, is monarchical, with bishops and the pope typically making decisions after consultation. For a people who take for granted that a majority vote is the best way to make decisions, it is hard to understand the advantages for consistent doctrine and practice that come from the Church's limited monarchy, where decisions emerge after the receipt of extensive advice.

For bishops who know American ecclesiastical history, lay power is a threat: In the first decades of the United States, lay trustees owned each parish church and sometimes used their ownership to refuse to accept the bishop's appointee as pastor because the priest was not of the parishioners' nationality.



More recently, many a pastor can recount how post-Vatican II parish councils produced mostly bickering and deadlock.

So there is a temptation for bishops and clergy to think that laity bring nothing worthwhile to Church decision-making and deserve no place at the table. However, when clerical sex abuse comes to the fore, bishops and clergy suddenly realize that lay people have a right to be certain that their children are not abused and a right to monitor whether their contributions are spent on the charitable purposes for which they were given. The laity have a place at the table and offer a balance to the tendency of clerics – like any party in power in any organization – to be alert primarily to the interests of their own group.

And clergy recall that those failures of parish councils probably trace more to lack of know-how and leadership by clergy when this “novel” form of participation was introduced.

At such a juncture, even pessimistic priests recall that the Church is really all its members, not just its officials. Membership comes through baptism. And lay Catholics are just as much at the heart of the Church as any priest. The laity, just as much as the clergy, are the Church's witnesses to the world that meaning comes through serving God in others, not through living for self.

Far from despairing about the limits of today's laity, it is my experience that these educated Catholics – precisely because of their education and the self-confidence that education creates – are interested in listening if they are approached with respectful invitations and not with orders to conform.

It is striking, for example, how many Catholics preparing for marriage are receptive to strict Catholic teachings once they learn for the first time the tradition of thought that lies behind these teachings. But such receptivity doesn't happen if they are first approached with authority rather than invitation. The Church is paying the price for too many sermons and counseling sessions where the easy appeal to authority replaced explanation and invitation. That worked in my father's immigrant parish, but not now.

This is a time when the bishops and priests of the American Catholic Church face a major choice: Will Church leaders learn to adapt to an educated laity whose intellectual

short suit is knowledge of religion? Or will priests and bishops continue to treat today's laity as the semi-literate congregations of the Church's first 19 centuries?

If the Church as a whole chooses the former path, there will need to be a major retooling of the approach of sermons, counseling, written materials and the interpretation of regulations. What is needed is a change of attitude, not of doctrine. We need to launch a “new evangelization” of our own educated members to educate them even better in the faith. And bishops need to work simultaneously to increase access to all sorts of decision-making bodies.

### **Giving laity a voice**

In this vein, we can expect American bishops to experiment with giving laity a serious voice in the normal process of assigning priests to parish and other duties. There will be diocesan committees to audit all disciplinary actions – not just sexual abuse – involving clergy and other employees of dioceses and parishes.

The voice of the laity can readily grow through membership on diocesan school boards. Lay influence on diocesan financial priorities – already on the rise – will expand. Even broad consultation of priests and laity about selection of bishops would not be new but merely a return to past custom. And lay participation – through decision-making synods or congresses – might play a major role in determining what policy issues in the secular world should get special Church attention. Should right-to-life issues get more Catholic attention, for example, than civil rights and social justice during election season?

On the other hand, Church leaders can give in to temptation and take the path they legitimately walked for the first 1,900 years of an uneducated faithful. In today's context, that means they will expect the laity to conform or quietly drop out (as many have been doing for decades). If the Church's leadership chooses this path, Catholicism will have no meaningful answer to groups like Voice of the Faithful. Instead, the Church will have unnecessarily abandoned its own and demonstrated that, at least at the moment, it does not know how to cope with an educated laity.



# Religious Art on Campus



Top left: One of the oldest works of art on campus is the sculpture of Father Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) between the east side of Main Hall and the Chapel. Father Jogues was a French Jesuit who explored the northern Midwest of what is now the United States. Father Jogues, who was killed by Native Americans, is one of the "North American Martyrs."

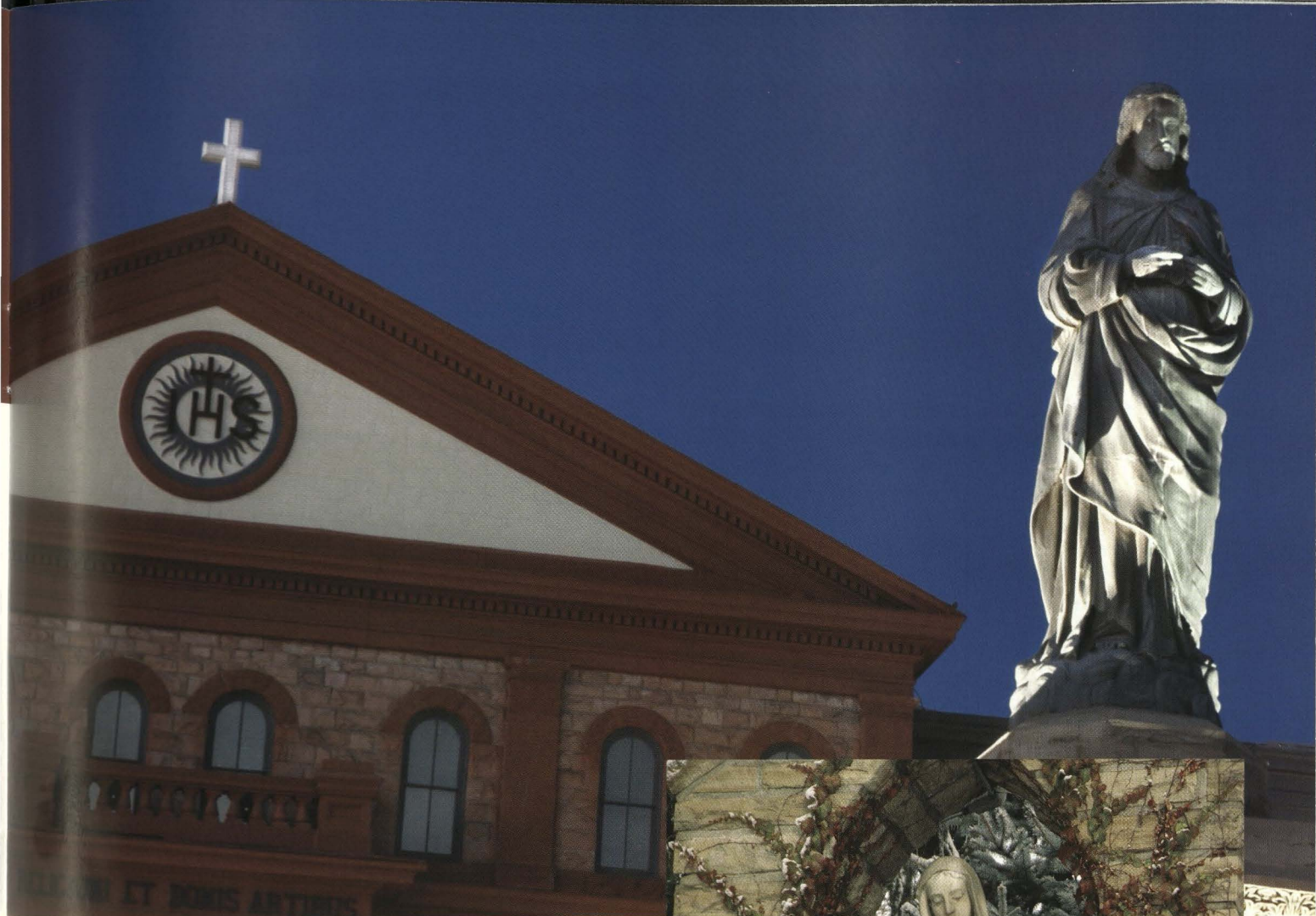
Top right: "Crucifixion" by Gordon Mac Kenzie is displayed in the Adult Learning Center Amphitheater (Room 310). Joan Disborough commissioned the work to honor her husband, Edwin D. Disborough (1928-1997), a former Trustee and regent of Regis University.



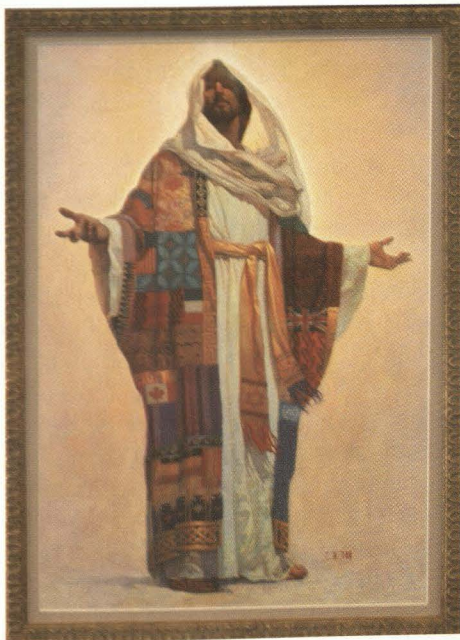
Right: St. John Francis Regis, namesake of the University, is the patron saint of social workers for his dedicated service to the poor and the prostitutes in the mountains of southern France in the 1600s. Dr. Thomas J. Tracy Sr., RC '61, commissioned this bronze sculpture through the Thomas J. Tracy Family Foundation. Sculptor Joe Halko of Choteau, Montana, created the sculpture that is displayed above the main entrance to the Student Center. The sculpture was dedicated at the September 19, 2002, Mass of the Holy Spirit.







Top: Perhaps the most recognizable work of art on campus is the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue in front of Main Hall. The statue was given by the parents of John Brisben Walker in 1890, at a cost of \$1,500. In the coming months, it will be replaced with a new version while the old bronze statue will be refinished and relocated. This year's seniors are raising funds to refinish the old statue as their class gift.



Right: From the Regis University Art and Faith Series, a gift of the John and Florence Fortune Family Foundation, "Coat of Many Colors" is by Thomas Blackshear II. The painting of Christ robed in the flags of many nations reflects the story of Joseph, especially beloved by his father Abraham, who gave his son a "coat of many colors." The print is displayed in the Adult Learning Center.

Right: The sculpture of the Virgin Mary in the Grotto was created by the Rev. James Hannon in 1950, in memory of Brother Ben Tovani, who had lovingly built a Lourdes shrine in that location. Time had taken its toll, and the original shrine had to be demolished. Today, the Grotto is a popular spot for prayer, weddings and other events.







# Academic News

## Students at Jesuit colleges and universities have more enriching college experiences

A national study released recently by Indiana University indicates that students at Jesuit colleges and universities are challenged more academically, are involved more in collaborative learning and interact more with their faculty than students at colleges and universities across the nation. The study, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), also indicated that students at Jesuit schools have more and better enriching college experiences and have more supportive campus environments.

The results of the 2004 NSSE study are based on information from more than 160,000 first-year and senior students at 470 four-year institutions, including Regis University and 16 other Jesuit colleges and universities that are part of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. Since its inception in 2000, more than 620,000 students at 850 colleges have taken the NSSE survey. The colleges and universities that use NSSE changes each year because not every school participates every year.

Collectively, AJCU member schools' benchmarks were higher than the national average in all five categories measured: level of academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences and supportive campus environment.

"Results of the NSSE study are very gratifying as we continue in our efforts to provide evidence of the effectiveness of the teaching and learning that takes place on Jesuit campuses," said Father Charles Currie, S.J., AJCU president.

Colleges and universities use NSSE benchmarks to give schools an idea of how well their programs and services are working. The results suggest most programs at Jesuit colleges and universities are already working very well. Compared to national averages, scores from Jesuit colleges and universities were higher than the national percentages in every category measured.

Along with tracking student engagement in areas like academics and campus life, Jesuit colleges and universities used NSSE for a second year now to also measure the effectiveness of mission by adding mission-related questions to NSSE surveys administered on their campuses. While not factored into the national survey results, help participating institutions fill the gaps left by the standard NSSE questions.

Many scholars suggest that NSSE is a superior means of gauging school quality compared to national magazine rankings,

as it is based on personal responses from students about the results of their educational experiences and not on a broad overview of an institution.

NSSE is directed by Professor George Kuh, director of the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University. More details about the study can be found on its Web site at [www.indiana.edu/~nsse/html/report-2004.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~nsse/html/report-2004.shtml).

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## Regis, Brazilian schools receive grant for environmental studies exchange

Regis University students soon will get a first-hand look at environmental issues in Brazil, while their counterparts from Brazil will see what sort of environmental issues exist in Colorado.

It's all thanks to a coordinated international grant that will provide funds for students from three Jesuit universities in the United States — including Regis — and two large public universities in Brazil to study in each other's countries.

FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education) and CAPES, the Brazilian equivalent, funded the project, which is headed by Kimberley Waldron, director of the Environmental Studies Program in Regis College and member of the Chemistry faculty. David Bahr, Computer Science faculty, and Peter Bemski, assistant dean in the School for Professional Studies, are the principal faculty participating in the grant. The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the grant, which over three years will total \$400,000.

"Getting everything coordinated to submit the grant was a challenge. It had to involve one specific discipline and the Brazilians had to submit exactly the same grant," Waldron explains, "so they translated our grant and submitted it."

The first exchange will take place in fall 2006, with exchanges also scheduled for fall 2007 and 2008. Exchanges will not take place during the spring semesters because the academic calendars of the two countries are too different. Regis will send two to three students each time, while getting that many Brazilian students here.

First, however, Regis and other U.S. students must take at least a year of Portuguese because all of their studies will be in that language. The Brazilian students, meanwhile, will be brushing up on their English skills.

The other schools from the United States also are Jesuit — the University of San Francisco and Gonzaga University.

The Brazilian schools, on the other hand, are "enormous federal universities," Waldron explained. Universidade Federal de



Minas Gerais (UFMG), with 2,700 faculty, is in the mountains of South Central Brazil while Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFA) is near the beach, in the northeast Atlantic rain forest.

The diversity of physical environment in which students will study will provide a unique and memorable educational experience for Brazilian and American students alike.

"What appealed to our colleagues in Brazil is that our environmental studies at Regis is very interdisciplinary, and include core studies, politics, sociology, economy and ethics, in addition to traditional scientific courses focused on the environment," Waldron explained.

"For example, our students should not only understand the chemistry relating to environmental issues but the ethical dimensions as well. Alternatively, they may take a course looking at world history from an ecological standpoint. USF and Gonzaga have this same Jesuit approach to studying the environment."

At the opposite end of the spectrum, Brazilian education is very specialized and regimented. "Students must stick with their majors and are not interdisciplinary at all," Waldron said.

Brazilian students who come to Regis will have the opportunity to study mining problems in places such as Leadville, and can then compare that to situations within their own country, where environmental issues surrounding mining are an ongoing problem," Waldron said. "They also will have an opportunity to do some field research in Brazil."

"They'll get to see the tragic environmental problems they're creating in Brazil," she added. "Our students also benefit from the courses and extra curricular opportunities available at the larger universities in Brazil."

Waldron and Bemski, who has many connections to Brazil, traveled to that country in early October to meet with the organizers from the other participating schools.

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## **\$80,000 grant from Rose Community Foundation will fund health care ethics**

Health care professionals face ethical dilemmas on a regular basis. Knowing this, Rose Community Foundation has awarded Regis University \$80,000 to improve and expand ethics education across the curriculum in the Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions.

The grant, which will be paid over two years, will fund programming in a newly created Department of Health Care

Ethics. It will include salary for a departmental director and faculty, as well as training those faculty and developing a Web page highlighting new programs and curriculum. There also is a plan to reach out to the community to help current health workers and administrators learn about ethics research and application.

Rose Community Foundation, formed in 1995, serves the greater Denver community in several ways: financial grants, program expertise, donor development and community leadership, with a stated purpose of enhancing the quality of life through its leadership, resources, traditions and values.

All students in RSHSP are required to take ethics courses before they can graduate. Health care ethics programming will not only help students develop an awareness of the dimension of ethical dilemmas they will face during their careers, but give them a solid foundation of skills in models of everyday ethic decision-making to address those issues.

"Regis faculty understand that current and future leaders in the profession must possess a keen awareness about health care ethics and the practical skills to have real effects on patient access and care," said Father Michael J. Sheeran, S.J.

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## **SPS takes mission on the road**

Steve Jacobs, assistant vice president of the School for Professional Studies, is making it easy for faculty and staff at distance campuses to have a chance to study and discuss Regis University's Jesuit mission.

Jacobs offered a three-part series, called "Shared Vision," about Jesuit education at the Colorado Springs campus this fall and in Fort Collins last year, that combines videos with group discussion. In fact, the series was so popular with those who participated he plans to continue offering it.

The series, based on films produced by the Institute of Jesuit Sources at St. Louis University, explores the history of the Jesuits, the spirit and insights of founder Ignatius of Loyola, and the guiding vision that animates Jesuit education today. It gives faculty and staff a chance to learn more about the mission and also to discuss its implications, practicalities and goals with their peers.



# Collection of political memorabilia opens at Regis

The Regis community recently welcomed a 27-year-old to campus. No, it wasn't a new adult student or a bright young faculty member.

For more than 27 years, Aldo, RC '45, and Peggy Notarianni collected political memorabilia from current and historical presidential campaigns. In the summer of 2004, they donated their collection to Dayton Memorial Library on the Lowell campus. The Notarianni Political Collection was unveiled to the Regis community during Alumni Weekend this September.

In December, following the Bush/Kerry campaign, Notarianni made an additional gift to the University of buttons, pins and posters he purchased or acquired during 2004. These include items not only for President Bush and Senator Kerry, but also other hopefuls and third party candidates.

The remarkable collection includes campaign memorabilia – such as buttons, posters, ribbons, etc. – from American presidential campaigns, including items supporting elected presidents, major party contenders and lesser-known hopefuls. Now in the library's archival collection, the materials will support the teaching mission of the University.

"I have always been interested in American history," says Notarianni. "Every four years, through the election campaign process, Americans are called upon to focus on social, economic and international issues that affect their daily lives."

A new display case on the fourth floor of the library exhibits portions of the collection on a revolving basis. Funds for building the case were made available to the University by

an additional gift from the Notariannis.

The earliest piece in the collection is a 1799 engraving of John Adams. While the collection has several items familiar to today's political aficionados, it also includes more unusual items such as shaving mugs, clocks, crystal and metal trays, watch fobs, beer cans, and parade torches.

Besides the Adams piece, Aldo is particularly proud of other early items, such as a buggy whip handle with an ivory band with inscription from the Polk/Dallas campaign (c. 1844); a lantern with the name "Pierce" (Franklin, c. 1852) punctured into the side to allow the candle-light to show through; an American flag from the Lincoln/Hamlin campaign (c. 1860); and a banner from the "Garfield and Arthur" campaign (c. 1880).

The collection is attracting interest from Regis faculty. Representatives from fields as disparate as history, business, political science, art and health care are taking a close look. As Regis Archivist Elizabeth Cook points out, one faculty member in the sciences noticed interesting ingredients in a headache powder endorsing President Garfield.

Cook is working to catalog the collection to make it available to an international

audience through searchable online databases.

"The collection covers such a broad time span, from 1796 to 2004, and includes such a variety of objects that any class discussion on how their subject matter is communicated – visually or verbally – could find a historical or contemporary corollary through political symbolism, persuasion or commands," she says.

"The presidential candidates contend with one another to offer the American voter their programs to deal with such issues, and on election day, America makes its choice," Notarianni adds. "These issues, and their underlying challenges, are debated by the candidates not only orally and as reported by the news media, but also by way of their campaign publicity."

Aldo Notarianni is available to speak to organizations about the collection. Contact Russ Shaw, director of Planned Giving, at 303-964-5329 or [jshaw@regis.edu](mailto:jshaw@regis.edu), for more information.



Aldo and Peggie Notarianni help Father Sheeran officially declare the Notarianni Political Collection open.



Aldo Notarianni describes some of the unique political memorabilia displayed in the Notarianni Political Collection in Dayton Memorial Library after the exhibit's official unveiling on September 17 as part of Alumni Weekend festivities.



## Regis honors lifetime donors

"Love consists of sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves," wrote St. Ignatius of Loyola. "Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words."

This approach to love has been expressed by countless alumni, parents, Trustees and friends of Regis who have demonstrated their support of Jesuit higher education over their lifetimes. Such longtime commitments to financial support are a unique illustration of love



Regis University President Father Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., cuts the ribbon to open the St. John Francis Regis Society Donor Wall in Main Hall during "A Toast to our Donors" on September 16.

that is being recognized through a new society at Regis University.

The St. John Francis Regis Society recently was created to recognize those whose lifetime support of Regis has reached \$100,000. The society features several levels of recognition based on cumulative giving (Bronze: \$100,000; Silver: \$500,000; Gold: \$1 million; Platinum: \$2.5 million; Diamond: \$5 million). Names of society members are included on a custom-designed Donor Wall near the presidential suite in historic Main Hall on the Lowell campus. This list of donors has become a popular attraction on the main floor of the building as students, faculty and other Regis supporters often stop to examine the list.

The Donor Wall was dedicated and the first class of inductees was announced during a special reception, "A Toast to our Donors," on September 16. With approximately 70 people in attendance, the reception introduced the inaugural 102 members and gave medallions commissioned especially for society members to those present.

Father Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., Regis president, emceed the event and cut the ribbon dedicating the Donor Wall. Allan Service, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was also on hand to welcome members into the St. John Francis Regis Society, along with Andy Cole, Regis College student body president and Johnson Scholar.

Father Sheeran sees the society and Donor Wall as an important step in thanking those who support Regis.

"The St. John Francis Regis Society and its Donor Wall is important because it recognizes those who believe in Jesuit education and future," he says.

Each year, new society members will be inducted and medallions presented to them at a special ceremony.



Father Tim McMahon, S.J., Provincial of the Missouri Province and guest at this year's Mass of the Holy Spirit, chats with Victor, RC '59, and Judith Perrella from Novato, California.

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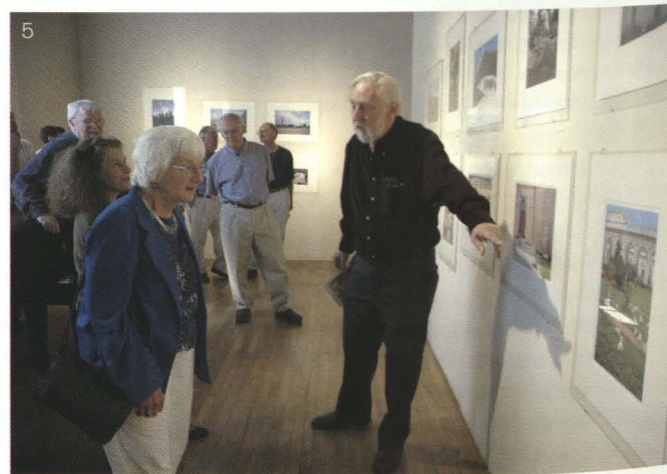
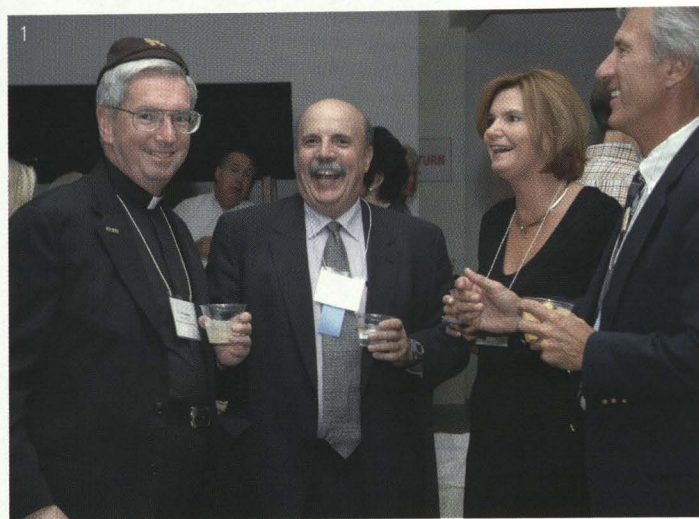
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# ALUMNI NEWS

## Snapshots from Alumni Weekend 2004





## Alumni e-newsletter an instant success

The *Regis University Report* was launched this fall to keep Regis supporters current about events, news and opportunities for service. This monthly e-newsletter delivers information electronically to alumni, parents and friends of the University, with information designed to be useful to everyone, whether they live in Colorado, California or Connecticut.

"Alumni and other Regis supporters have told us they want timely and relevant information about the University," says Penny Dempsey St. John, RC '73, executive director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "The Regis University Report is becoming an important way for alums and others to stay up to date about what is happening at the University and how to give back their time and resources in support of Regis."

The *Regis University Report* is distributed to all current e-mail addresses on file with the University. Alumni and friends who would like to receive the e-newsletter but have not yet received one, should go to [www.regis.edu/alumni](http://www.regis.edu/alumni) to update their e-mail addresses or simply e-mail [alumni@regis.edu](mailto:alumni@regis.edu) with the information.

## Regis University license plates

Regis University alumni living in Colorado soon will be able to proudly claim their association everywhere they drive. Specially designed Regis University license plates feature Regis' seal and name.

Alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends of Regis University who are residents of Colorado are eligible to purchase these license plates.

A letter and authorization form to take to the Department of Motor Vehicles to purchase the license plates will be sent in February to people who already have let the Alumni Office know they are interested. This official approval from the University is required before anyone can purchase the plates.

There will be a one-time \$25 processing fee from the state in addition to regular registration fees. You don't have to wait until it's time to renew your registration to get the new plates, however. The Department of Motor Vehicles will pro-rate fees if you want the new plates before your current one has expired.

Those who have not yet expressed their interest may do so by contacting the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs by phone, 303-458-3536, or e-mail, [alumni@regis.edu](mailto:alumni@regis.edu). The authorization form will then be sent.

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## Alumni Weekend, September 16-19, 2004

1) Father Sheeran wears an old Brown and Gold Regis beanie while joking with alumni during Saturday's cocktail reception. 2) Chris Lowmy, author of *Heroic Leadership*, a book relating the history of the Jesuits to modern business practices, speaks at the University Club in downtown Denver on Friday. 3) Coconut the clown, a Regis parent, and his bunny friend showed up to entertain during the Alumni Picnic and Carnival on Sunday. Kids also enjoyed a "jumpy castle" and games while alumni enjoyed barbecue and a Bronco game on the big screen. 4) Alumni and friends of Regis gather in the Fieldhouse for a dinner honoring University donors and featuring keynote speaker Chris Lowmy. 5) Photographer Charles Roitz, RC '61, gives alumni a tour of a showing of his work in the O'Sullivan Arts Center. The exhibit, called "The Way Home," showed some of Roitz's work that was influenced by his days as a Regis student. 6) Manhattan West, a group of Regis College students, performs jazzy songs during the Donor Dinner in the Regis Fieldhouse on Thursday. 7) Father Tom Curran, OSFS, associate vice president of University Relations, chats with Bill, RC '50, and Minnie Diss at an Ignatian Society luncheon on campus. 8) A Regis student, silhouetted under a tent on Boettcher Commons, carries in procession the Book of the Gospel for the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Thursday. 9) Alumni Chaplain Father Ed Maginnis, S.J., gives a tour of the upper two floors of Main Hall where the Jesuits used to live. The floors were recently renovated to classrooms and office space.





## NEWS FROM ALUMNI ACROSS THE GLOBE

### '60s

**William (Bill) Brown, RC '60**, is a retired attorney for the U.S. government and lives in Arlington, Texas. He was regional counsel for 22 states west of the Mississippi for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission before retiring after a 34-year career with the government. Bill and his wife, Marianne, have two grown daughters and two granddaughters. He remains active in church, cultural and civic affairs.

### '70s

**David Averill, RC '70**, is having a blast in California and misses the old days in Colorado, but he does get to visit occasionally to see how much things have changed in Denver.

**Stephen Stephany, RC '70**, was appointed director of the Lake County campus for Columbia College of Missouri.

**Paul Bergman, RC '71**, recently was appointed director of the U.S. Export Assistance Center in Denver for the U.S. Department of Commerce-International Trade Administration-U.S. Commercial Service. He is responsible for international trade activities for the states of Colorado and Wyoming. He will be starting his third year as the head varsity boys' basketball coach at Bishop Machebeuf Catholic High School. Paul's twin daughters have started college this year: Amanda is at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and Christine is at the University of Dayton in Ohio. His son, Geoff, is in his senior year at Benedictine University in Chicago and took the fall semester in the Semester at Sea program through the University of Pittsburgh.

**Sister Macrina Scott, OSF, RC '71**, has written a second book of Bible study aimed especially at older adults, *Bible Stories Revisited: Discover Your Story in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles*, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press. Also, the Spiritual Eldering Institute just certified her as a leader of aging programs. Sister Macrina directs the Wisdom Center at Marycrest in Denver, offering programs in spirituality for the second half of life.

**Sandra Campbell, RC '72/SPS '96**, is returning home to Colorado after being an activated

reservist in support of OIF/OEF for three years. She was promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Marine Corps on July 1, 2003.

**Vincelle Caviness, RC '75**, has retired from the military with eight years of active duty in the Air Force and 17 years in the reserve component of the Army. He is a certified tennis teaching professional and has been the head teaching pro for the St. Charles, Missouri, parks and recreation for the last six years. The tennis program has produced a few good high school players along the way. He also coached male and a female high school teams; both teams went to the state championships.

**Pete McDonald, RC '78**, recently joined with an old grade-school friend at a 25-year-old commercial building company as a new business developer.

**Lawrence Kearney, RC '79**, and his wife, Patti, have spent the last 15 years teaching at a private international school in Seoul, Korea. They feel that it has been a wonderful place to raise their children and for them to experience the Asian/Pacific cultures. They spend their summers on the east side of Detroit, with friends and family.

### '80s

**Celeste M. C de Baca, RC '80**, has returned to the legal field after four years. In July, she began working as an administrative hearings officer for the Colorado Parole Board, conducting parole revocation hearings in the Denver metro area. Celeste also returned to teaching in the criminal justice department at Metropolitan State College in Denver as an adjunct professor. She has taught constitutional law, substantive criminal law and criminal procedure.

**Ruth Andrisevic, RC '81**, completed an MA in education technology from Mid America Nazarene University in December 2003. It was a 14-month program, which means that it was concentrated and rigorous. She is working and teaching at Central Middle School in Kansas City, Kansas, and enjoying it.

**Julie DiStefano, RC '82**, feels that attending Regis was the best thing she ever did for herself. She has never forgotten her years at Regis or the education she received.



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**David Height, SPS '82**, recently formed the TNI Group, specializing in international trade development. The countries they work with include Russia, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, U.A.E., Australia and New Zealand. The products for trade include distilled spirits, automobiles and chemicals.

**Rodney Broome, SPS '83/'84**, is working as project manager in Cairo, Egypt, building a telecommunications network operations center for Telecom Egypt. USAID is financing the project and he is representing the interest of Telecom Egypt and USAID.

**Deborah Peter, RC '84**, studied at the Massage Therapy Institute of Colorado and received her certificate in massage therapy. She now has her own massage practice, specializing in chronic pain and stress relief utilizing deep tissue, neuromuscular, craniosacral and Swedish modalities.

**Chris Werner, RC '84**, was appointed CEO of Ascendant Holdings, Ltd. (Bermuda) in 2003. The company has 10 wholly owned gold and copper properties in Ecuador and is listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange. The company will complete an IPO in 2005 of its subsidiary, Ascendant Copper Corporation, on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Chris lives with his wife, Lona, and their daughter, Lilly, on a hobby farm that's been with the family for four generations.

**Andrew Harry, RC '85**, bought a successful fine dining restaurant after college and became a chef. After 7.5 years, he sold it and moved to California. He became a stunt man and actor, and is currently an executive chef and director of food service for a reputable company.

**Sandi (Middlemist) Stockton, RC '85**, hit the beach and played volleyball after moving to California following graduation. Her husband, Pat, is a major in the USAF and finally was transferred back to Colorado. She will miss the ocean and sunny weather, as she paddled outrigger canoes in the South Bay for the past 18 years, but they look forward to being amongst family in Colorado. They also are leaving behind good friends, but hope to get them to Colorado to ski.

**Tiffany (Luedke-Murray) Churilla, RC '87**, is thrilled to say that she loves life and all is well. She is married with one son, who is soon to be 2 years old, and is having the most wonderful experience living in Chicago. She works for Mentium Corporation, where she leads the Chicago program. The company provides mentoring for high-potential female talent and executives in corporate setting.

**Kirsten (Brewer) Clary, RHSH '87**, lives in northern California with her husband, Christopher, and their two children, Devin, 12, and Bryn, 3. Kirsten is a clinical manager of the Perinatal Unit at Kaiser Medical Center in Walnut Creek, California. She also is the inpatient lactation manager.

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**Evan Santistevan, SPS '90/'95**, has a stepson, Col. Daniel Wolfe, who recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College and is stationed in Virginia. His daughter, Nicole Kim, completed a diplomatic mission to

## Bob Daly

When Bob Daly, RC '78, reminisces about his days as a Regis undergraduate, his eyes sparkle like the stars on a clear Midwest night and a mischievous grin flashes across his face.

There are stories about numerous faculty, including a tough business law professor (Rudy Sporchich), and escapades relating to guys running from one dorm to another, and the Belial Bar and ... well, you get the picture. But for Daly it's more than just fun memories that make his Regis experience a treasure.

"The Jesuit education was excellent," he said. "They spend time instilling things into you and it's different for each person.

The time they take going above just academics really makes a difference. Regis helped me to achieve what I have today."

Today, he is president of KAW Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., in Kansas City, Kansas, and vice president of the National Roofing Contractors association. The commercial roofing company, which employs 55 people, is a family business started by his grandfather more than 80 years ago. Daly's brothers, John (RC '80) and Steve (RC '76), also work there.

"We make a difference in the industry and the community," Daly said.

His Regis memories stay alive in part thanks to an annual gathering of friends. Up to 30 alumni, primarily from Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis, have been conducting what they call the "Boys Annual" at Lake of the Ozarks for 21 years to trade stories, share memories and more.

"It's fantastic to see each other on a regular basis and catch up on our kids, wives and what each other are doing," Daly said.

The event began as a bachelor party for Scott Joslyn, RC '78, Daly relates, and soon became so popular that the *Kansas City Star* printed a story about it. Daly said although attendance has dwindled in the past few years — due to deaths and other life circumstances — many still regularly attend and plan to continue until "we have to build wheelchair ramps or until we physically can't."

Daly first saw Regis on Ranger Day while visiting a brother of a high school friend. After graduating from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, he was drafted and spent two years on active duty in the Navy Reserves. He attended junior college briefly before Regis.

"My visit and the seriousness of the school motivated me to go to Regis," he said. "Regis has great faculty, class sizes, individual attention. You could go to the professors and get help. Dorm life was good and the camaraderie was great. I developed many close-knit friendships at Regis."

One of those longtime friends is Mike Hoefer, RC '76, whom he roomed with during his first year at Regis.

Daly and his wife, Kelly, have three sons, ages 12, 10 and 8. Although he would be happy for them to attend Regis, Daly said he would "let them make the call." For him, however, there is no doubt what he would do given the same choice.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat."





## Robert Fox

It's doubtful few held their breaths as long as Robert Fox, RC '56, did on July 20, 1969, or had as much reason to do so.

Fox was intimately involved in the design and building of the Lunar Modular Descent Engine that powered the lunar module onto the moon more than 35 years ago. He also supervised the installation of the engine into the Apollo spacecraft at Northrop Grumman.

"I held my breath for 11 minutes until the lunar module landed," said Fox, referring to the historic day when the lunar module containing astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin gently touched down on the rocky surface of the moon, marking mankind's first visit to a place other than Earth. "The lunar module only had 11 minutes and 30 seconds of fuel so when they said the Eagle has landed we cheered. I felt good. We knew everything that could go wrong. But it worked."

Prior to retiring more than 14 years ago, this resident of Prescott, Arizona, spent 37 years in the aerospace industry. And he asserts that his education and experience at Regis University contributed greatly to his success.

"I had a good education at Regis," said Fox, who earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. "They taught me how to work, how to absorb data and use it, and how to get information and use it to advance myself. The education helped me to survive advanced science and technology."

Fox added that one professor in particular — Dr. Frank Ozog — made his Regis experience significantly better.

"Dr. Ozog was a sharp man," he said. "He was damn good and made us work."

Fox got married the Tuesday following his graduation and then quickly began his involvement in the aerospace industry, with 28 years spent at TRW. His career provided many interesting experiences and a wealth of challenges.

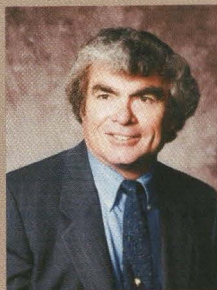
He spent five years in Utah working for Thiokol Chemical doing insulation design for the ablative areas of the 1st Stage of the Minuteman Missile. He was involved with the Viking Lander Biology Instrument in 1975 before its trip to Mars. He worked on the external coating on the B-58 Hustler, a sleek delta-winged military bomber from the late 1950s. The coating shielded the crew from radiation. Fox also was involved with a nuclear detection satellite system in the early 1970s.

Later he was involved in the design, manufacturing, assembly and testing of chemical lasers including MIRACL, the Mid Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser, including writing "detailed procedures of everything to do with the lasers." He was involved with more than 200 laser tests including "zapping" drones and "all kinds of tests such as supersonic missiles and satellites."

"I had many anxious moments during my career," Fox said. "I had a good job and a career that I had lots of fun with."

As he reflects on his career, Fox said he thinks a lot about the Apollo program and his involvement with it. The memories are positive.

"That day was something else," he recalled.



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Senegal in September 2004 as a member of the United Nations Population Fund.

**Amy (Flaherty) Jones, RC '91**, has been happily married since 1994 to Kevin, brother of **Keith Jones, RC '91**. They were married in Denver and moved to Victorville, California, in January 1997. They have two beautiful children, Nathaniel James, born April 12, 1996, and Sarah Katherine, born September 15, 1998. The children both attend the public elementary school where Kevin and Amy are teaching. Kevin graduated from Colorado School of Mines in 1988.

**Christina (Beloud) Quertermous, RC '91**, was married to Stephen Quertermous on May 15, 2004. They both continue to enjoy government work and live in Virginia with their three horses and a dog.

**Julie (Hewgley) Bitti, RC '92/SPS '04**, has joined Harris Group Realtors, Inc. She worked for Hewlett Packard/Agilent Technologies for 10 years in the information technology industry and now is bringing her years of corporate experience to real estate. Julie is specializing in corporate relocation and the high-end home market in Denver and Colorado Springs.

**John Everett, SPS '92/MACI '96**, has lived in Florida for eight years, since leaving Colorado. His four children are nearly grown, the youngest is 15 and the oldest is 22. Since 2000, he has taught computers at an accredited technical college in Georgia.

**Heather (Litwhiler) Tavel, RC '92**, is working as a contract software developer and singing in a semi-professional a cappella quartet as well as a large chorus. She lives in Parker with her husband, Luis, and their three dogs. Heather recently returned from a trip to Russia, where her quartet was invited to be the headlining group for the St. Petersburg Barbershop Harmony Festival. They performed in palaces and concert halls, and also taught classes for Russians, sharing their uniquely American musical tradition.

**Milton Kowalewski, Jr., SPS '93**, spent 14 years in the U.S. Air Force and Navy before returning to school to complete his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He has developed quality systems for government contractors supporting the U.S. Air Force and Navy, as well as telecommunications and ready-mixed concrete companies in California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Texas. Milton has written, published and presented technical quality-and-standards papers and publications all over the world, including China in 1998. He has chaired ASQ sections, divisions and ASTM technical committees on statistics and quality. His interests include bowling, basketball and running 5ks under the full moon of the Indian Ocean. Milton and his wife, Darlene, have been married for 40 years and are very proud of their three children and three grandchildren.

**Lt. Col. John S. Riordan, USAF, SPS '93**, finished a successful command of the 741st Missile Squadron in Minot, North Dakota, and is a student at National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. He was selected for colonel in the Air Force and is looking forward to meeting fellow graduates in the D.C. area.



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**Jennifer (Bonifield) Brunworth, RC '94**, graduated from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing on May 28, 2004, with a bachelor's in nursing. She and her husband, Scott, have a 1-year-old daughter, Emma. They live in Denver, but are planning a move back to the St. Louis area.

**Allaina Howard, RC '94**, graduated August 28, 2004, with a master of library science degree. She was awarded the faculty honor, Phi Beta Mu, for scholarly excellence and professional promise. Allaina accepted a new position as the librarian and archivist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder.

**Martha Villalobos, SPS '94**, is retired and living in Sun City Hilton Head with her husband, Bruce. She is enjoying each day by playing golf and bunko, and reading.

**Brian Fowler, SPS '95**, is the foundation director at Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center (HRRMC) in Salida, Colorado. Previously he served for 2½ years as materials manager at HRRMC. He feels truly blessed to be "in service of others" in his work. He currently raises funds to support home health, hospice, nursing scholarships and the purchase of much-needed equipment. He cherished the Jesuit education that he received at Regis and has kept his diploma and "A Moment in History" poster on his office wall.

**Renee (St. Marie) Hashbarger, RC '95**, was married to Chad Hashbarger in 1998, and earned her master's in nursing from Vanderbilt University in 2000. They have two children, Hannah, 3, and Luke, 7 months.

**Erika (Croteau) Beer, RC '96**, lives in Boston, and this summer married the love of her life, Cyrus Beer, with a couple of Regis alumni in attendance. After she graduated in 1996, Erika attended Syracuse University for a master's in broadcast journalism, then went back to working for non-profit organizations. Now she is community relations manager of a 1,500-person volunteer program for a health care company in Boston.

**Nancy Oswald, MWL '96**, is teaching fifth grade in Cotopaxi, Colorado, and celebrating the publication of her book, *Nothing Here but Stones*, published by Henry Holt and Company in 2004. The book is based on the Jewish colony in Cotopaxi in 1882.

**Shawn Reinhart, SPS '96**, completed a Department of the Army internship for contracting in January 2003. He was working on major procurements for the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Europe in support of the soldiers in Germany and Iraq.

**Kevin Corcoran, SPS '97/'02**, owns a business and continues to build on the solid business and ethical principles learned at Regis. He continues to recommend Regis personally and professionally.

**Matthew Ebacher, RHSHP '97**, graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a master's of science in nursing and adult nurse practitioner in May 2004. He successfully passed the AANP national certification exam in July 2004.

## Quinn O'Connell

Quinn O'Connell Jr., Esq., RC '74, truly is a renaissance man. From being a drugstore cowboy in the Badlands of South Dakota, roughnecking on oilrigs along the Canadian border, writing a novel from the shores of Lovesick Lake in Ontario, farming in the Illinois heartland, to defending criminals in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, O'Connell has done more than most people dream of doing in several lifetimes. Still, it's impossible to define this man by solely examining his career achievements.

He is well grounded with a deep belief in his Catholic faith, a powerful commitment to his family and a love of Regis.

"My Regis education allowed me to develop communication skills. I gained confidence but learned not to take myself too seriously," said O'Connell, who majored in religious studies and business. "Regis provided an educational environment that extended beyond the classroom."

O'Connell was immersed in activities during historic times at Regis. His freshman class was in the first Regis class equally men and women; however, dorm rules were structured for an all-male student body. He

worked with others in revising those rules and regulations, establishing the "Tri-Dorm Counsel" to accommodate this new reality. He was awarded Man of the Year honors his sophomore and senior years. He was elected chief justice his senior year. He served as one of two student representatives on the search committee that selected Father Clarke as President. He was an RA in West Hall, living in temporary trailers on campus for a semester while West was being constructed.

O'Connell had a mischievous side as well. He kept a German Shepard named Sampson in his dorm room his freshman year. "Everyone on the floor helped me care for the dog," he laughed.

"Those were exciting times at Regis," he added. "It was a time of experimentation: culturally, educationally, spiritually and socially."

O'Connell has had his hand in various business endeavors since 1965. That was the year he began working at the famous Wall Drug Store in South Dakota. He worked every summer through high school and college, rising from cleaning floors and restrooms as a "chore-boy," to supervising 100 plus employees as manager.

After graduation, he continued on his journey of adventures. In 1975, he was admitted into the management-training program at Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., with a permanent assignment serving as personal banker to the diplomatic community.

In 1980, he spent a year as a worm and a chain hand, on oilrigs in the Williston Basin and then spent the following year co-authoring a novel, *Roughnecks*, about those exploits. At age 39 he entered American University Law School.

In August 2003, he formed the Law Office of Quinn O'Connell Jr., PLLC, specializing in estate planning and real estate. He serves as a title agent and completed 450 property settlements his first year.

For O'Connell the formula for success in life is simple: "Be honest, be yourself and put the other person first," he said.





## Dr. Natan Gleizer

It seems difficult to believe that going back to school to earn a master's degree would be of interest to an experienced dentist who speaks five languages, is a former military officer and was once the director of an organization charged with oversight for dismantling tons of outdated armaments. But given his history it's no wonder that Dr. Natan Gleizer, SPS '92, scoffs at that notion.

After a lifetime of dealing with the stifling political and economic challenges in the former Soviet Union, Gleizer immigrated to the United States, arriving January 28, 1974. In the Soviet Union he had been educated as a dentist, spending two years in the Soviet navy and four years in the civilian sector – "but still working for the government," Gleizer adds.

"The day I left I thought they would put me in jail. It was scary," says Gleizer, discussing the fears and control exerted by the government of his former country. "I did not know how I was going to feed my family. I knew maybe 10 words of English. It took me three years to learn English watching TV."

Still, the experiences in his former country were enough for him to land a job with US West, where he worked for 15 years, starting out as a contract specialist. But his dream was to become a director, and that required more education. In 1989, Gleizer started taking classes at Regis University. In 1992, he proudly earned an MBA.

Gleizer has far surpassed that dream of becoming a director. Today, he is vice president of two companies – LithChem International, in international business development, and Ozark Fluorine, for the Eastern European region. Both companies are part of Toxco Inc., the holding company of several companies that vary in scope from industrial recycling to lithium battery manufacturing of specific chemicals.

"The knowledge I've gained is a great benefit," he says of his Regis education and experience. "Some things you cannot get by not going to school. Regis is great because you get to combine the practical and theoretical, and you know when and where to apply each. That makes a huge difference."

Gleizer missed his commencement ceremony because US West sent him to his former country in 1991 as part of a special assignment to work on developing cellular telephone in Russia.

He also served as general director of Alliant-Kiev in the Ukraine, an organization assigned by Alliant Techsystems, a major U.S. military defense contractor, to dismantle 220,000 tons of outdated armaments.

"It was scary to go back," he says. "Although I was already an American citizen I was still afraid of the communists. I was glad I immigrated."

Gleizer is thoroughly convinced that earning his MBA continues to benefit him in his current positions.

"Being in international sales, an MBA really helps make a difference," he says.



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**Justina Kwapy, SPS '97**, recently obtained a Ph.D. in K-12 educational administration from Capella University.

**Sgt. Daniel McNasby, RC '97**, is serving in the military in Iraq and recently was moved with his unit north to Camp Anaconda, near the town of Balad, about 70 miles northeast of Baghdad. He is expected to remain there until April, when he should be returning home.

**Barbara Campbell, SPS '98**, and her husband, Steven, returned to the United States in August 2004 after spending 5.5 years serving at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel. She was able to put the many skills she developed in the MNM program to good use in her work as an executive assistant for the international organization. She thought it was interesting how one's perspective expands when one spends time in a different culture.

**Christina and Gary Mellott, SPS '98 and SPS '00**, recently moved back to Denver from Western North Carolina. Gary is president of a medical software company and Christina stays home with their wonderful son, Cameron.

**David Phillips, RC '99**, just missed qualifying this year for the National Long Drive world contest in Mesquite, Nevada. He qualified locally in Chandler, Arizona, with a drive of 327 yards, then competed in September at the National District finals. In the district event, contestants are given six balls and must hit the balls at least 270 yards and within in a 45-yard wide grid. David managed to hit four out of six in the grid (all of them between 319 yards and 340 yards). If he had hit the ball 5 yards further he would have earned a berth in the world finals, which are covered by ESPN. He and his wife, **Gina (Vinci) Phillips, RC '01**, are living in Tucson, Arizona.

**Emily (Telling) Poullos, RC '99**, married Dimitri A. Poullos on May 8, 2004. The couple lives in Chicago.

### '00s

**MSgt. Minta Davis, SPS '00**, credits Regis University with her academic achievements. She feels blessed with the opportunities to write and become a published writer.

**E. Alonza Norris, SPS '00/MBA '02**, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Phoenix in the doctor of management in organizational leadership program. His dissertational research involves investigating leadership in holistic quality management systems targeting servant leadership as critical components of leadership effectiveness in service and manufacturing organizations.

**Luke Luchini, RC '00**, and **Laura (Cingoranelli) Luchini, RC '02**, were married October 30, 2004, in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel on the Lowell campus.

**Dave Radford, RC '00**, paired his passion for music and his business sense to start his Seattle based company, Nice Promotion, in early 2003. The company provides radio promotion and publicity to independ-



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ent musicians and music labels. Dave credits his time as the KRCX (Regis Radio) music director and former advisor John Hickey as the catalysts in his professional path. Nice Promotion boasts a roster of both Northwest and national artists and record labels.

**Jaclyn (Eikerman) Henkhaus, RHSHP '01**, married Jason Henkhaus on June 10, 2004, at the Wild Basin Lodge in Allenspark, Colorado.

**Debbie Kehl, SPS '01**, and her husband, David, are moving to Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Emily Shallcross, RC '01, SPS '03**, entered the Peace Corps on September 19, 2004, to serve the people of Mali, West Africa.

**Justin Walker, RC '01**, was promoted to traffic coordinator at GMMB in Washington, D.C. He will have been with the firm for three years in December 2004. In July, Justin married his high school sweetheart, Nicole, in their hometown of Kansas City, Missouri.

**Jason Weindruch, RC '01**, continues to serve as a field producer for "Around the Horn" on ESPN, but recently left Denver and moved to the ESPN offices in New York City for an expanded role with the sports network.

**Roberta Paul, SPS '02**, recently was appointed registrar at Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois. She will assist students in the fulfillment of degree requirements, maintain student academic records, evaluate transcripts of prospective students and prepare grade reports. Roberta is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and has served as a "Seven Habits" facilitator for the Covey Leadership Center.

**Charity (Hermes) Smith, RC '02**, and **Matthew Smith, RC '02**, were married August 13, 2004, in Elizabeth, Colorado. The couple lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

**Angie Ferenc, SPS '03**, is living on Lake Champlain in northern Vermont with her husband, Aaron, and two dogs. She recently began working in a rural K-8 school as a family school coordinator and is doing a significant amount of individual and family counseling, as well as case management and consultation. She is hoping to start studying for licensure exams this winter.

**Douglas Sutherby, SPS '03**, recently changed careers and is now with Morgan Stanley. His two-year apprenticeship program with Morgan Stanley will culminate with the certified financial planner (CFP) designation, with an emphasis in estate planning and personal trusts.

**Sylvia Talkington, SPS '03**, recently completed a project with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, creating a national Web-based training for home health care providers, including scriptwriting, filming and editing for 18 video segments. Three of the video segments received 2003 Communicator Awards, which are international awards recognizing outstanding work in the communication field. The Web training also received a 2004 Golden Web Award.

## Shannan Steele

Shannan Steele, RC '97/RHSHP '99, might miss Thanksgiving, Easter Sunday and Christmas celebrations with her family, but that's OK because she is doing what she loves. For the last four years, Steele has missed family celebrations because she has been onstage pursuing her acting career. As both an actress and a physical therapist, she brings entertainment and comfort to people, so for Steele, the compromise between holidays and work is worth it.

Steele's acting career kept her at the Galleria Theater in downtown Denver for two and a half years as a cast member of the longest-running theater production in Colorado history, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." She was part of the record-setting run that entertained 297,650 audience members and performed more than 1,500 shows.



Always ready for a new challenge, Steele recently understudied "Heaven Help Us" at the Buell Theater and opened the Arvada's Center "The 1940s Radio Hour" production late last year, for which she just won Best Supporting Actress, Musical, in the 4th annual *Denver Post* Ovation Awards. Steele is thankful for the flexibility her work as a physical therapist allows her. She can treat patients, but still have time to concentrate on her passion for acting.

Steele's legacy at Regis lies with the Regis Ramblers Theater Troupe. After coming to Regis to play basketball, she found she missed singing, dancing and performing. With the help of her father, Regis College computer science professor Dennis Steele, she started the club. During her junior year, the Ramblers performed its first musical, "Li'l Abner." Since then, Steele has choreographed every play except two. This spring, she will choreograph "West Side Story" for the Ramblers.

Steele says her education helps her juggle a busy professional life.

"My education at Regis helped shape my perspective on life and what I value most," she says. "Regis helped me trust myself, and it gave me the confidence and inspiration to use whatever it is I want to do in my life for the connection with and service of others."

As she approached her second Regis graduation, Steele was hopeful for the future.

"When I was nearing graduation, I was visualizing my life for the first time how I truly wanted it to look, without fear and obligation," she says.

Everything has fallen into place, and while her career choices do not allow for weekend trips with family and friends, Steele does what she loves and she is happy with her life.

"When you commit 100 percent to something vs. half-heartedly to everything, you will find happiness in whatever choices you make for your life," she says.



## Taulby Roach

Taulby Roach, RC '88, is confident in one thing: You can try to save the world and be everything to everyone, but those accomplishments mean more when you take time to care for yourself, too. The pressures of owning a business, raising a family and staying active in one's community can be stressful. But Roach understands the pressures of all these things and the importance of taking time to do your own thing.

Roach, who earned a bachelor of arts in political science, started a consulting business with his father, John, eight years ago. Development Programmers Associates works with various Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis to "balance state, local and federal funds for government projects," Roach explains. He uses the writing skills he developed at Regis more than anything, and though he says he hated composing essay after essay, continual practice makes his job easier today.

Outside of work, Roach serves on the boards of the not-for-profit Craft Alliance, the St. Louis Foundation for Alcoholism and Other Related Dependencies, and the Neighbors Council for Washington University. He also spends quality time with his wife of 13 years, Theresa, who he describes as a "good Catholic," and their two children, Madison, 10, and Joseph, 7.

So what does Roach do to unwind after a long day of work and other activities? He competes in triathlons.

"I needed my own time and to do something that was good for me," he says. He chose triathlons as his new hobby four years ago and has not slowed down since. He notices that as he continues to involve himself in a hobby, his work and relationships improve every day.

Roach not only uses the physical activity to take time for himself, but also to unleash his competitive spirit. Recently, he finished two half-Iron Man competitions that included a two-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13-mile run. He also is a perennial figure at the Chicago Triathlon. Despite a broken leg that set him back a season, Roach plans to be back in competitive form by spring 2005.

Between advice he got from his father to "do what interests me" and from the education he received at Regis University, Roach says he learned to juggle a full schedule but also to remember that he needs to feed those interests.

Regis was the "perfect place" for him, he says. "It was the diversity of liberal arts education" that has served him throughout his personal, professional and competitive life.

He wants current Regis students to consider one piece of advice: "If you take classes that interest you, have fun and work hard, your education will naturally serve you in your future, no matter where it takes you."



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**Robert Atkins, SPS '04**, enjoyed every minute of his time at Regis. He felt that there were great teachers, administrators and students.

**Stuart Clements, SPS '04**, recently achieved his dream of earning a master's degree with the support of his family, fellow students and Regis staff members. He felt that the MSCIT program was both exhilarating and demanding, especially with two children and a full-time job.

**Kristin (Neese) Delcamp, SPS '04**, married fellow SPS student, Erich Delcamp, on July 10, 2004. The pair met in 2001, becoming students and employees of Regis. Due to their connection to the University, the ceremony, which was an interfaith Catholic and Baptist celebration, was held at the St. John Francis Regis Chapel on the Lowell campus. The couple honeymooned in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

**Susan Harmon, MNM '04**, continues to serve with the American Red Cross, Armed Forces Emergency Services in support of our armed forces. As a station manager, she works on military installations worldwide and is available to deploy with troops. The main mission of the Red Cross with regard to the military is emergency communications. In addition, each station manager is trained to work with the military families to ensure the needs of each family are met.

**Lena Kolar, MBA '04**, recently accepted a staff analyst position with the San Bernardino County Fire Department, where her salary has nearly doubled compared to her previous job. Lena feels that education is the way to success in life and attributes her success to her experience with Regis.

**Kevin McLaughlin, MCIT '04**, is stationed at Tinker Air Force Base with the USAF as the deputy squadron commander for the 72nd, which is the communications squadron. He will be pinning on major at the end of January 2005.

**Venkateswaran Ramasubramanian, SPS '04**, felt that the courses he took at Regis were excellent and very interactive.

### Loretto Heights College

#### '40s

**Mary Elizabeth (Eisenman) Carson, '42**, recently published her third book, *8th Landing: The Yankton Sioux Meet Lewis and Clark*. The book is an in-depth history of the tribe, plus everyday happenings in the founding of St. Paul's Benedictine mission at Marty, South Dakota, which now is the tribal headquarters. From a cache of letters dated 1916-1948, interviews on the reservation and nationwide, including 350 archival photos, the 430 pages of the book open an intimate story of interracial understanding and love.

#### '60s

**Kathryn (Wendt) Sudeikis, '68**, recently was elected president and chief executive of the American Society of Travel Agents. Her new position is the highest in the travel agent business. Kathy has been in the trav-



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el business since she graduated from the Heights and has traveled to almost every country in the world. Additionally, she has been the travel coordinator for many famous people, such as Yul Brenner and Danny DeVito, and has made frequent appearances as a travel expert on national programs, such as the Today Show and Good Morning America. She married **Dan Sudeikis, RC '68**, and they have three children. Their son, Jason, writes for Saturday Night Live, their daughter Kristen is a choreographer in both New York and Kansas City, and their youngest daughter Lindsey recently entered the convent as a postulant.

'70s

**Leolyn (Sens) Wood, '72**, and her husband, John, moved to the Portland, Maine, area in 2001 after selling their restaurant in Laconia, New Hampshire. John is an airport planner at Dufresne-Henry in Portland and Leolyn operates a freelance graphic design business, LSW Graphics, out of their home. Their daughter, Meghan, is living in San Francisco and working as a freelance assistant for several professional photographers. Christopher, their son, is in Siberia teaching English to Russians.

**Vicky (Mardian) Brown, '76**, has been teaching nursing at one level or another for 10 years. She is teaching in an ADN program and finds teaching far more rewarding than working as a nurse practitioner. One of her children is a senior in high school and the other child is in his first year of college. Her husband owns a small business.

## In Memory

Kenneth V. Zahn, RC '34, September 15, 2004  
Homer M. Dumont, Jr., RC '38, October 17, 2004  
Kathleen (Smith) Kottenstette, LHC '41, August 18, 2004  
Kenneth J. Custy, Jr., RC '45, August 23, 2004  
James A. Sherman, RC '51, November 7, 2004  
James F. Curran, Ph.D., RC '52, September 7, 2004  
Marlene (Burns) Flanagan, LHC '61, September 2, 2004  
Mary Elizabeth (Barnes) Moffat, RC '64, November 23, 2003  
Michael J. Fitzgerald, RC '67, August 10, 2004  
Mark D. O'Brien, RC '70, August 11, 2004  
Maureen E. (Leahy) Ellis, LHC '71, October 7, 2004  
Kathrine A. Lake, LHC '71, November 2, 2004  
John L. (Jack) Gardiner, RC '72, September 23, 2004  
Barbara Averill Love, LHC '72, October 13, 2004  
Mary E. Reilly, RC '73, September 18, 2004  
Bruce McBogg, RC '75, September 28, 2004  
Chester J. Belkewitch, RC '75, September 5, 2004  
Frederick Carazo, SPS '82, September 20, 2004  
Sister Clara A. Blume, O.S.F., SPS '84, November 12, 2004  
Deborah K. (Palmertree) Howshar, RHSHP '91, August 27, 2004

## BABY RANGERS

**Teresa (Sweetman) Schnell, LHC '76**, and her husband, Jim, had twin boys on January 23, 2002. Patrick Daniel was 6 lbs. 9 oz. and Michael James was 6 lbs. 3 oz. **Maureen (Sullivan) Lajczok, LHC '77**, was present at the birth. Terry is the telecommunications manager at the Colorado Department of Human Service, where she is responsible for both the data and voice networks.

**Amy (Tolan) Grace, RC '93**, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their third child, Colin James Grace, on July 7, 2004. Colin was 7½ lbs and 22 inches long. Big brother Michael and sister Kelly (future Regis alums) are very excited!

**Molly (Moore) Smith, RC '98**, and her husband, Geoff, welcomed their first baby, a boy, named Grayson Kent on February 13, 2004. After Grayson was born, she went back to work 25-30 hours per week and loves it. She has been with Trintech for five years with positions in technical support, sales and currently in professional services/consulting.

**Jennifer (McNamara) Steller, RC '98**, and her husband, Conrad, welcomed their daughter, Teagan Isabel, on October 6, 2004. Teagan weighed in at 6 lbs 4.4 oz, and measured 18½ inches, and in the opinion of her very proud parents, is just beautiful.

**Rachel (Palmer) Zenzinger, RC '98**, and her husband, Ted, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Anne, on April 11, 2004. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and has blue eyes just like her daddy! Rachel continues to work as coordinator of the expelled program for the Adams 12 School District and Ted continues to teach in the Regis University philosophy department.

**Denise Blain, SPS '03**, and her husband recently welcomed their second child, Jason Michael, who was born on July 25, 2004. Their older son, Daniel, is a proud and protective big brother.



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'80s

**Debra Black, '83**, teaches online organizational behavior and leadership courses for four universities, including the University of Liverpool, University of Maryland, Southern New Hampshire University and the University of Phoenix. She also is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the American Association of University Professors. Debra is an affiliate to the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM), which is the order established by Mary Ward, and recently made known as Mother Teresa's first order prior to starting her own. As a single parent of a 13-year-old high school freshman who is a budding artist and entrepreneur, and an advocate for the homeless, Debra keeps busy in her new home in Bellingham, Washington.

**Alumni**, what's new in your life, professionally or personally? Have you been promoted? Just retired? Received an award? Had a baby? We'd love to hear from you. Class Notes is one of the most popular features of our magazine, and we enjoy sharing your news.

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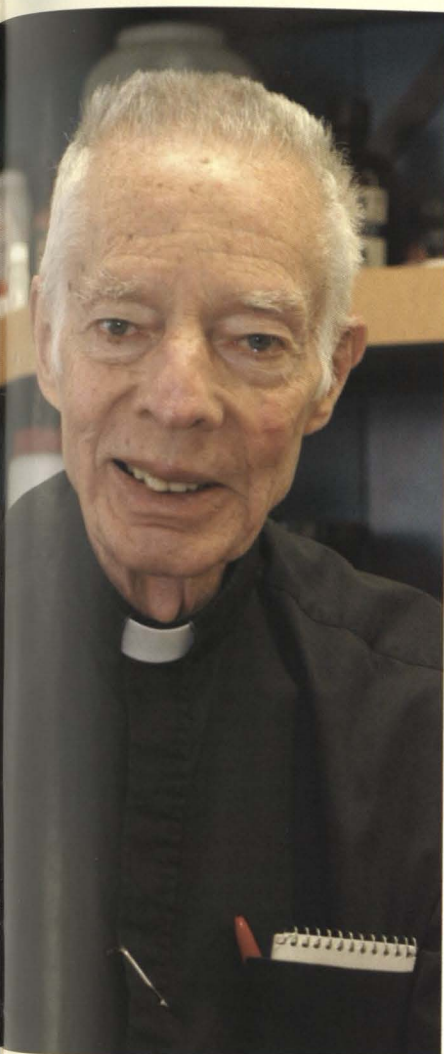
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Father William T.  
Miller, S.J.

Father Bill Miller, S.J., professor emeritus, has been teaching chemistry at Regis University since 1961, taking four sabbaticals to Sogang University in Seoul, Korea, and one at the University of California Los Angeles. He received bachelor degrees in arts and sciences from St. Louis University and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1955, and will celebrate his Golden Jubilee on June 16. Known for his sense of humor, Father Miller officially retired in 1999 but was convinced to return for another generation, teaching a chemistry laboratory to nursing students in fall 2004 and a chemistry seminar this semester, plus lectures on special topics, such as spectroscopy.

### **Are students at Regis today different than previous ones?**

In intelligence, they are the same as they were 40 years ago. I think the general student body today seems to have more emphasis on social programs and ask themselves "how does my education effect society?" Students used to focus on a profession they were interested in but did not have that overtone of how is this going to benefit society. That consciousness grew with those students as they grew, got married and had more maturity. Students today also have a little different attitude toward authority and tradition, a little looser, shall I say.

### **How has the science of chemistry changed?**

There are new discoveries, but the main impact is in instrumentation – the computers, nuclear magnetic resonance, infrared technology, the mass spectrometer, and gas chromatography were born and provided a quantum leap forward. Computers have facilitated work that used to take weeks.

### **How has the chemistry program changed at Regis since 1961?**

The Regis College Chemistry Department was located at that time on the first floor of Carroll Hall and consisted of just two other professors. Then we moved into the brand-new Science Building in 1966. There are things that do need updating in the building now – a lot of the plumbing fixtures, steam cabinets, faucets. We're more conscious about safety these days. The EPA would have a fit if they saw what went on when I first got here – there was only one fume hood in the whole department, and we used organic solvents to wash just about everything, including dirt and grease from our hands!

### **What scientist do you most admire?**

Louis Pasteur probably is one of my favorites. Not only did he do good work but he was a humble and religious man.

### **Do you have a motto?**

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, for the greater glory of God. I haven't given a motto much thought, but if I think about it I think that's the reason I joined the Jesuit order and became a priest. I'm not simply a chemistry teacher but also a priest. I hope in some way that has an impact on the students I work with, despite the age gap – I turn 80 on February 8.

### **Does God have a sense of humor?**

Absolutely! All you have to do is look at some of the funny creatures he created. Think about Jesus at the wedding in Cana. I'm sure he didn't walk around all somber – he must have smiled and cracked a joke – and drank a bit of that wine.

### **What's your pet peeve?**

With all due charity, superiority complexes are what bug me.

### **You're living at Xavier Jesuit Center now, but tell us about other places at Regis you've lived.**

My room on the fourth floor of the Pink Palace back in the '60s was like a bowling alley, long and narrow, and there was running water with a wash basin, but there were years of build-up of varnish on the wood floors and so on and I thought, what if there's a fire. The exit was way down the hall, so I got a 100-foot length of rope and a bottle of Scotch and hid it under the bed. I thought if there was a fire I'd down the bottle and try the rope. In 1970 I moved into the residence halls as a chaplain, and really enjoyed it. I got to know a lot more students. I used to offer a Mass at 10 p.m. in O'Connell. I found students would study and then want a break, so I had half a dozen to a dozen attend every evening, Monday through Thursday. I was truly sorry when this came to an end in 1990.



# Alumni and Parent Relations Calendar 2005

**February 3** Regis Alumni Breakfast, Colorado Springs campus, 7:30-9 a.m. (RSVP required, cost: \$10)

**February 5** "Financial Planning Seminar: Your Personal Insurance Needs." Lowell Campus Conference Center, 1-4 p.m. (RSVP by Monday, January 31)

**February 10** "Refusing to Choose: Reclaiming Feminism" Sally Winn, Feminists for Life. Student Center Dining Room, 7:30 p.m. (Catholicism in the Modern World series)

**February 14** Course available for Alumni Audit: "Peace and Justice in Catholic Thought" (CAS 460S C20). Colorado Springs campus, 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays

**February 17** "Seeking the Common Good: An Ecumenical Action Plan for Economic Justice in Metro Denver." 8:30 a.m.-noon (Sponsored by the Institute on the Common Good. For more information, call 303-458-4967)

**February 17** Regis Alumni Breakfast, Lowell campus, 7:30-9 a.m. (RSVP required, cost: \$10)

**March 5** Third Annual Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony, The University Club in Denver

**March 19** Sixth Annual Easter Basket Collection and Assembly. Please donate and/or volunteer to assemble baskets.

**March 21** Course available for Alumni Audit: "Peace and Justice in Catholic Thought" (CAS 460S M30). Lowell campus, 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays

**March 31** "Catholics and the Death Penalty" – Sister Helen Prejean, Student Center Dining Room, 7:30 p.m. (Catholicism in the Modern World series)

**April 7** "Remembering Oscar Romero" – Father Kevin Burke, S.J., Science Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m. (Catholicism in the Modern World series)

**April 10** Crest Club Spring Fling, featuring a luncheon and the student production of *West Side Story*

**April 14** Regis Alumni Breakfast, Broomfield campus, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. (RSVP required, cost: \$10)

**April 28** Regis Alumni Breakfast, Fort Collins campus, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. (RSVP required, cost: \$10)

**May 7-8** Commencement, Lowell campus

**May 14** Commencement, Colorado Springs

**September 16-18** Alumni Weekend

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